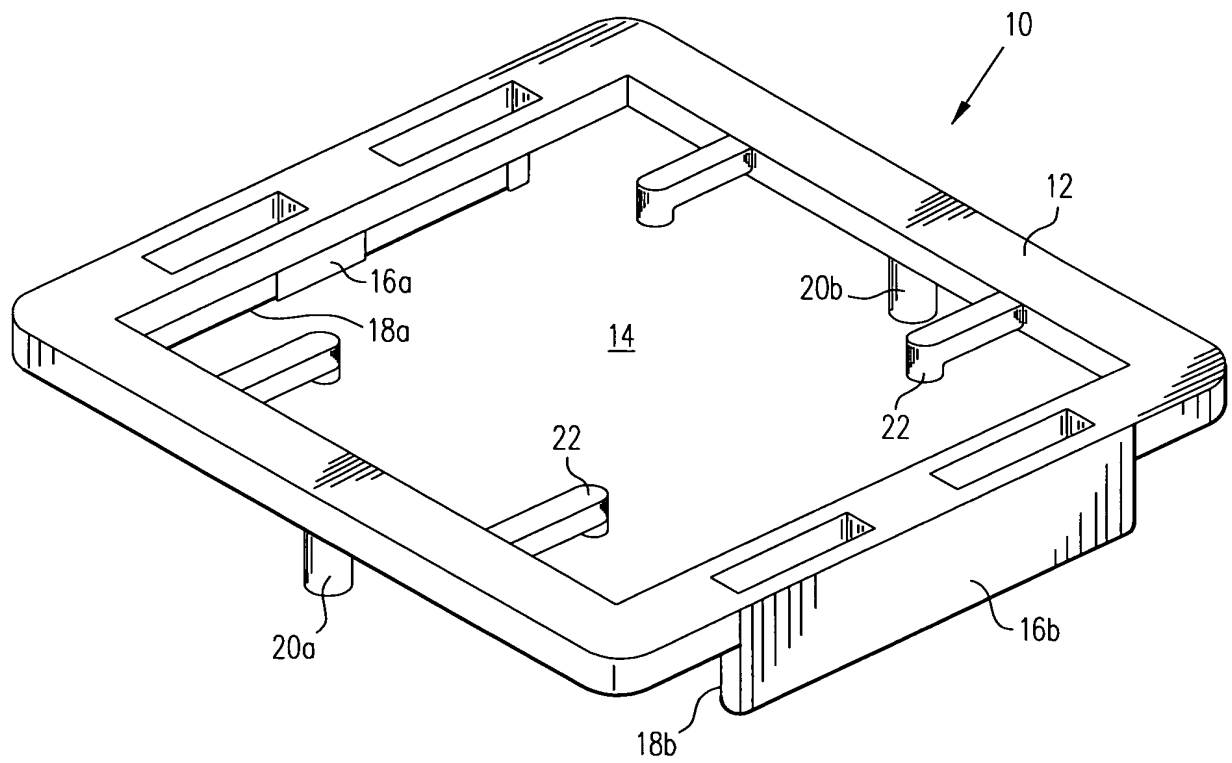


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**FIG. 1**  
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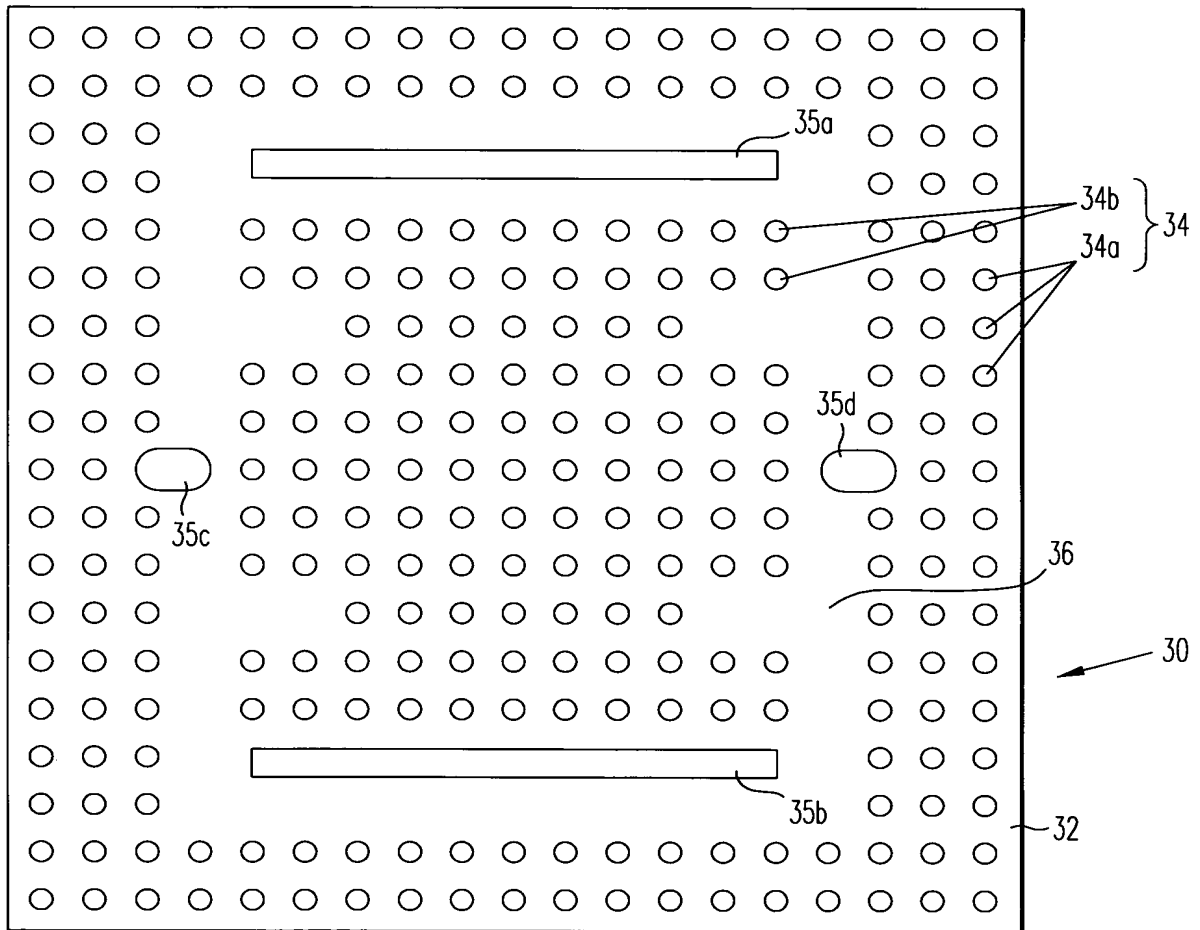
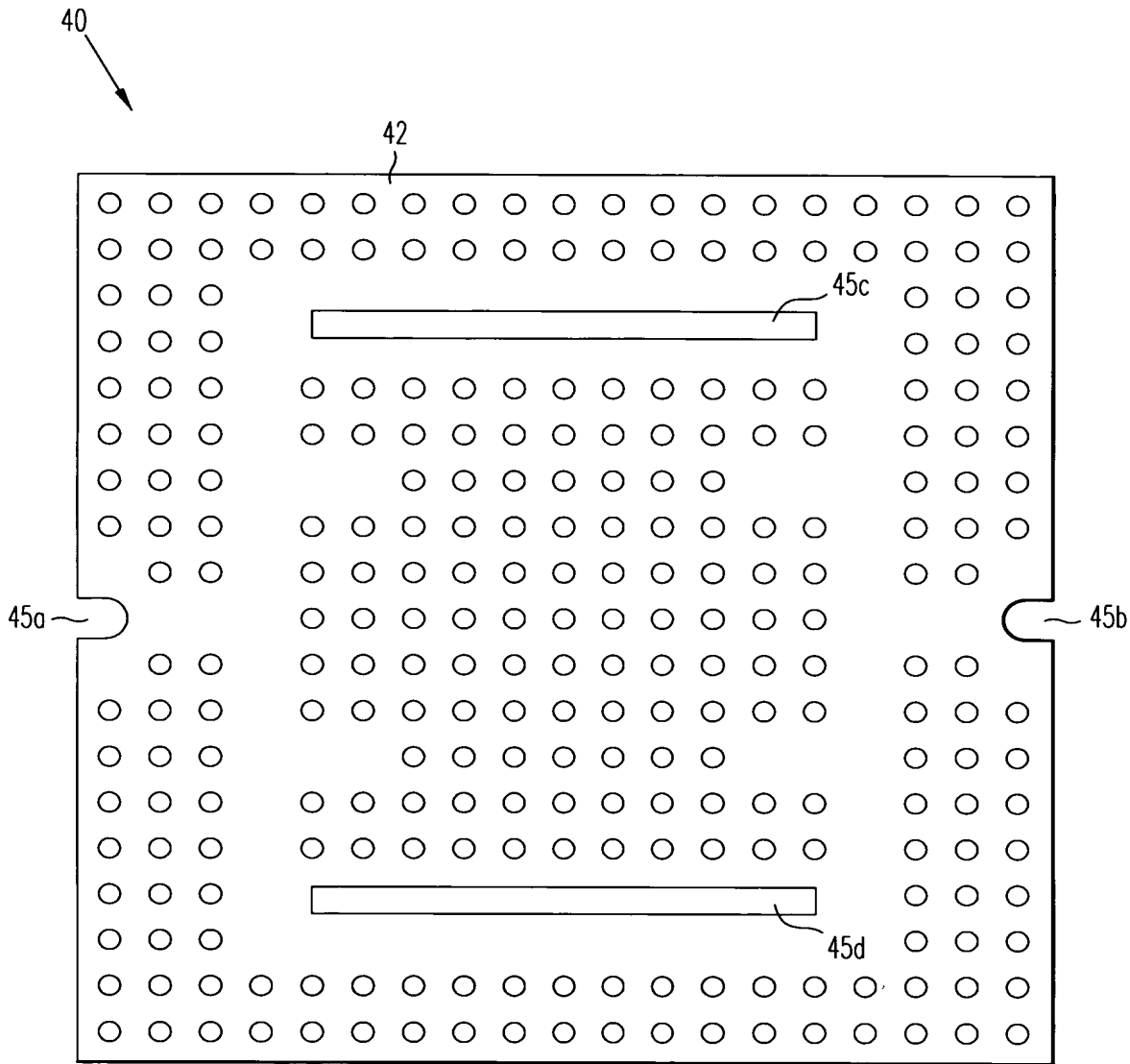
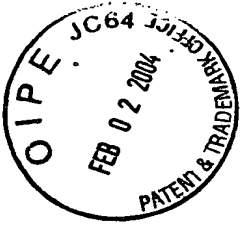


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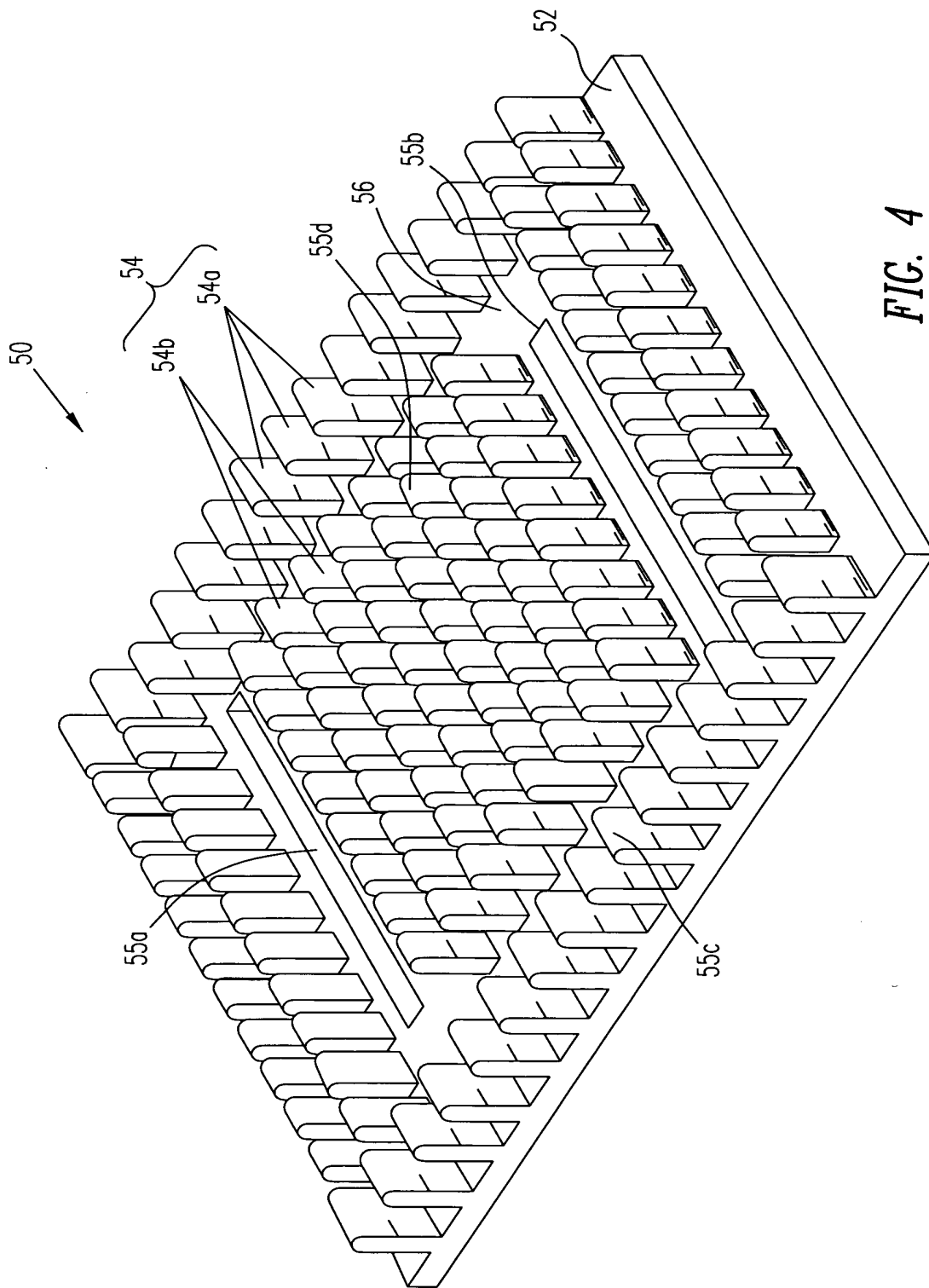


*FIG. 3*



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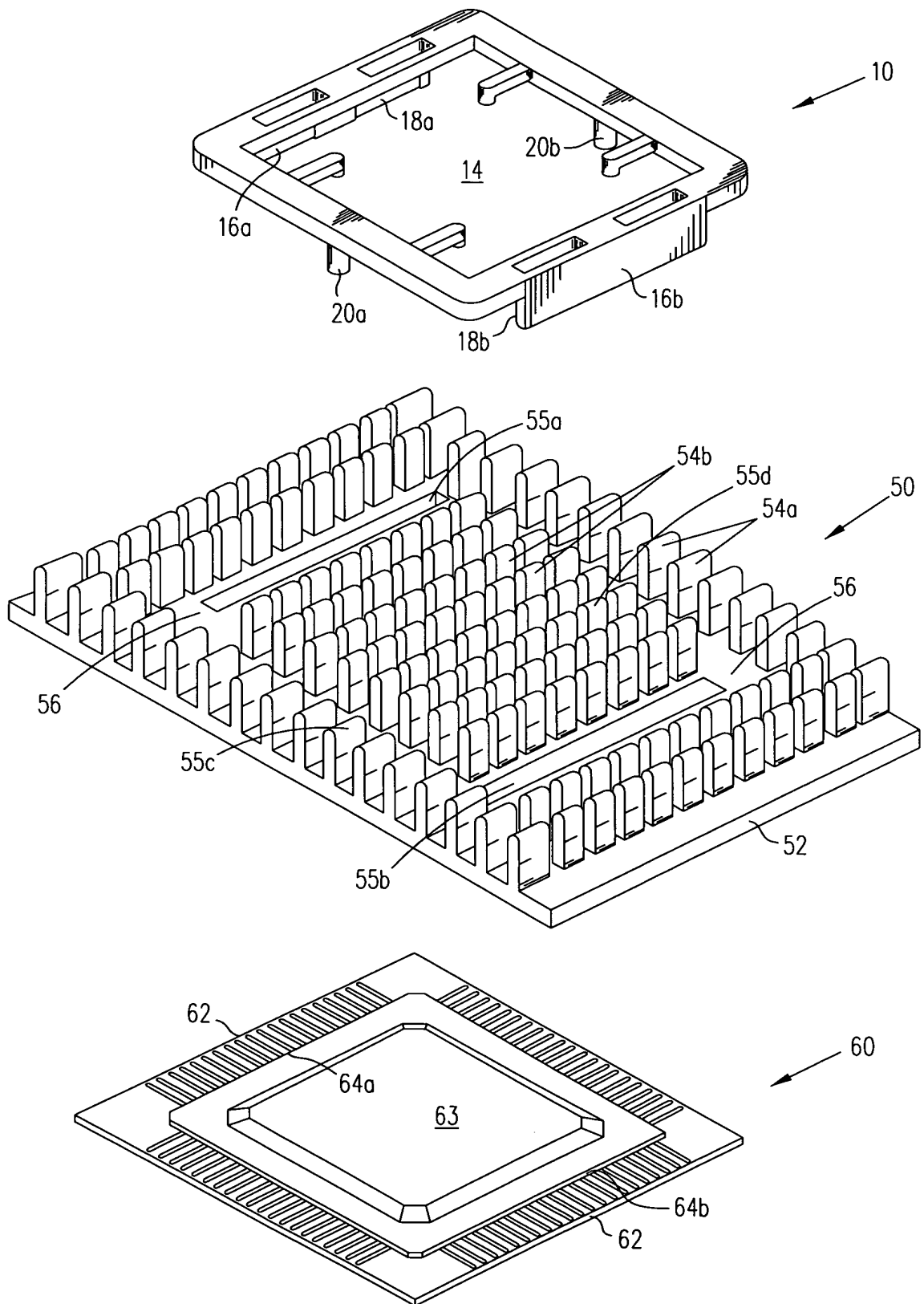
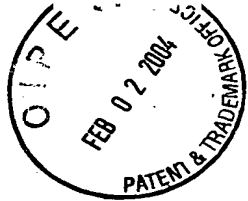


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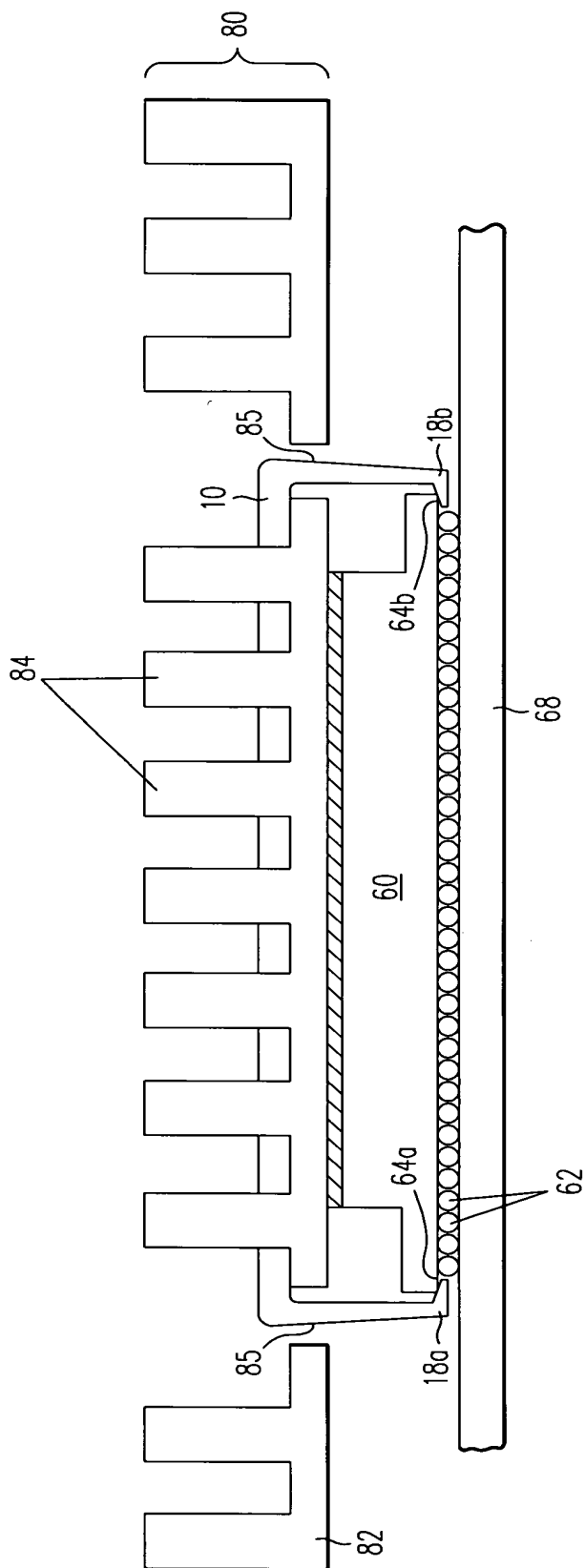
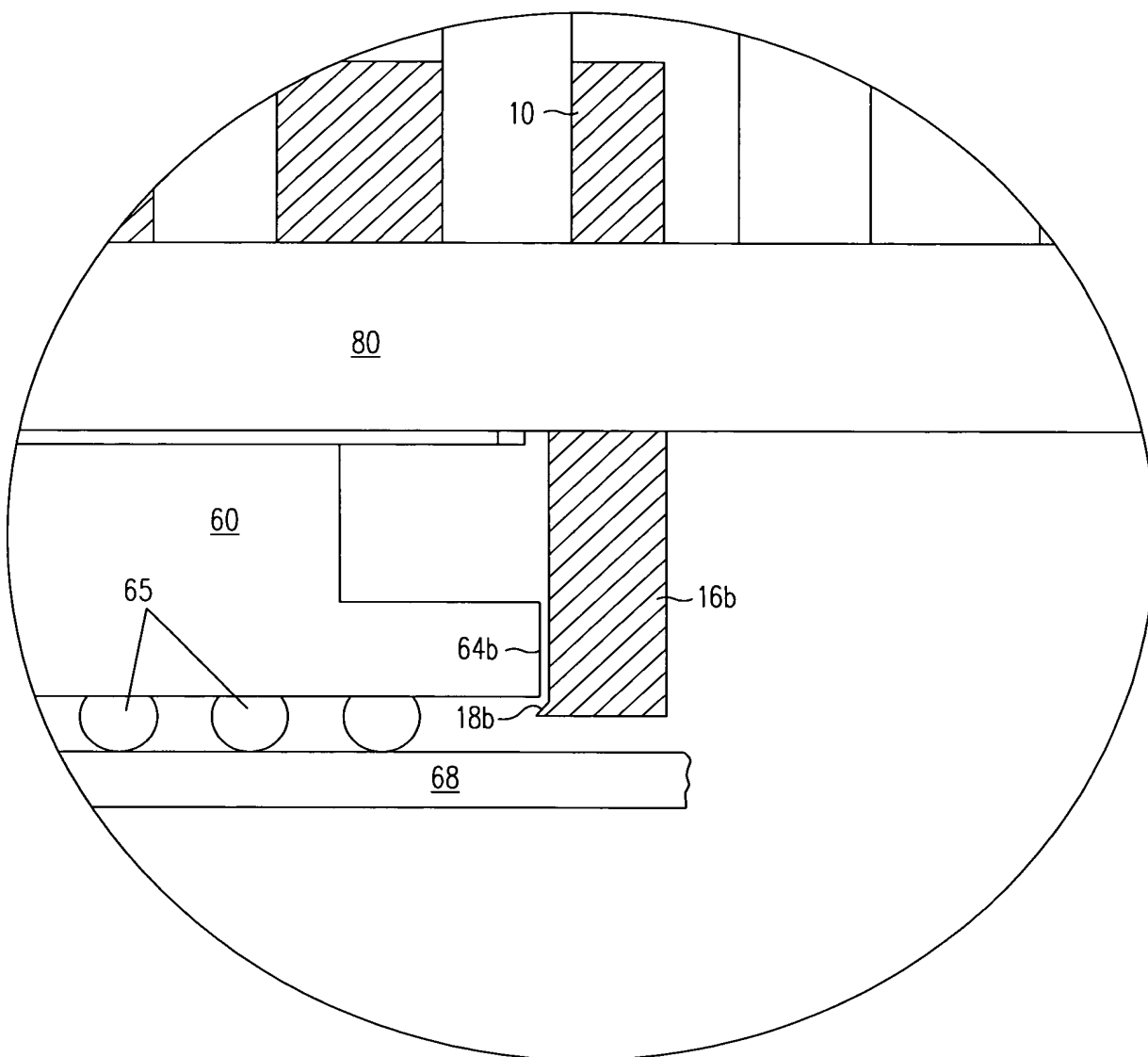


FIG. 6A



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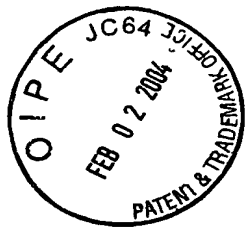
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*FIG. 6B*

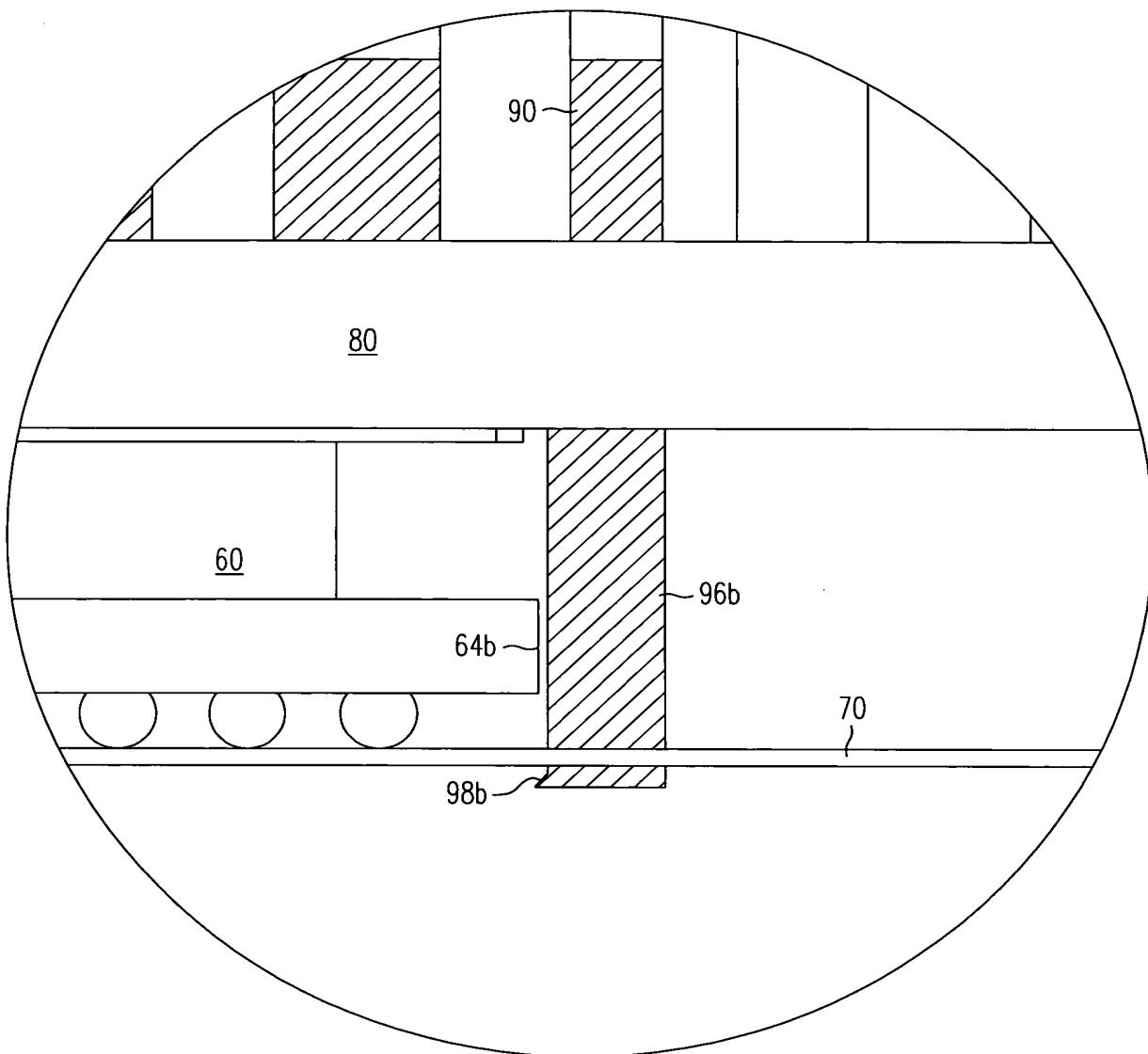
This cross-sectional view shows a multi-layered structure. A central core (60) is composed of a series of stacked layers (65). The core is flanked by side walls (64) and a top layer (66). The side walls are connected to a base (82) by vertical supports (85). The base is further supported by a series of vertical pillars (80). The entire structure is enclosed within a frame (90) that includes a top layer (96a) and a bottom layer (96b). The frame is further defined by a series of vertical pillars (98a) and (98b). The structure is shown in a perspective view, with the top layer (66) and the base (82) being the most prominent features.





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**FIG. 7B**

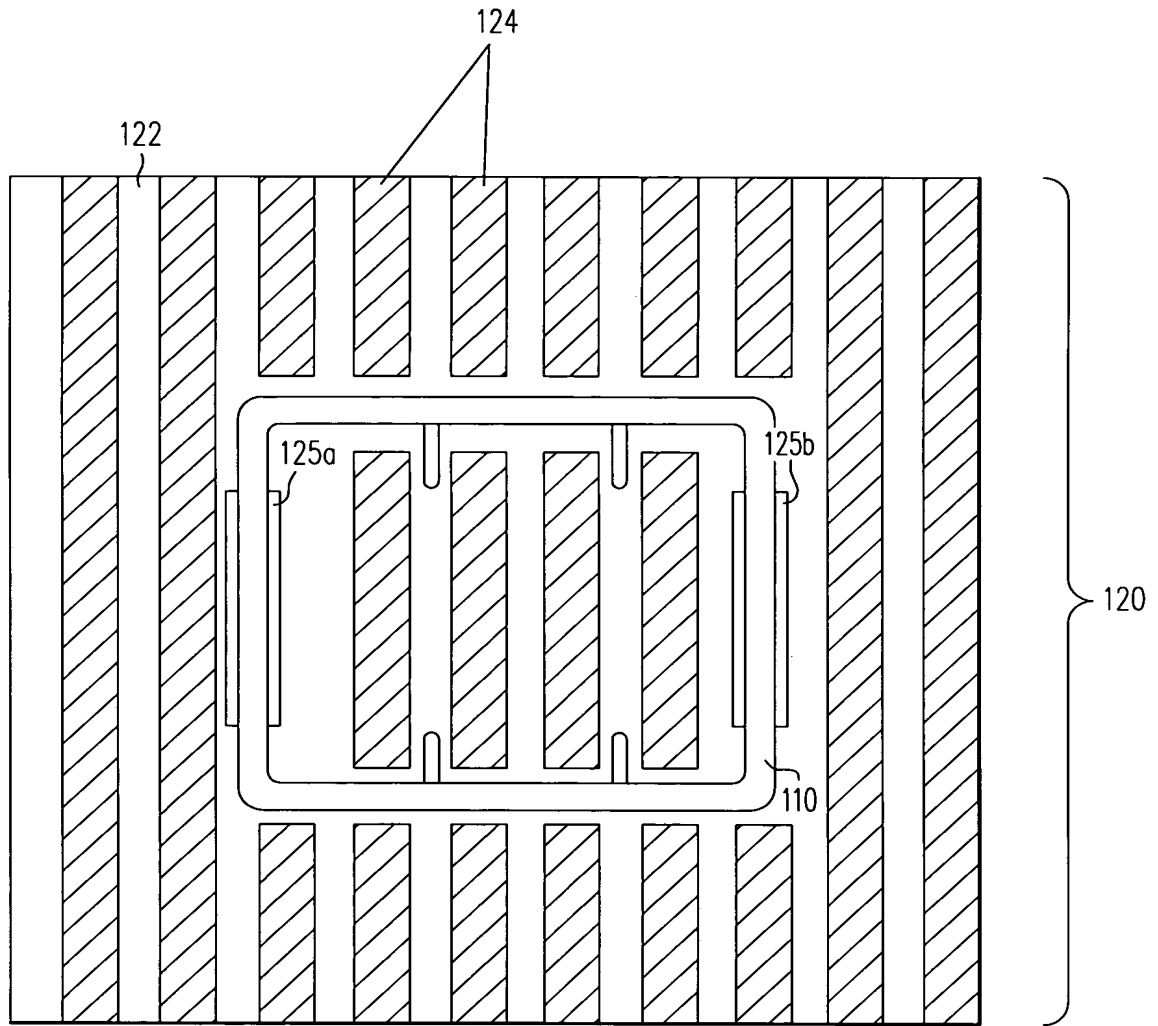
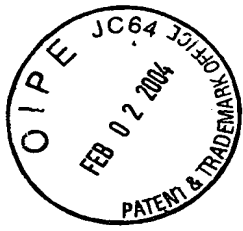
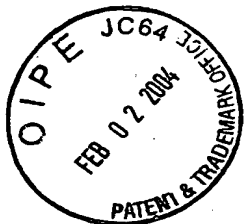
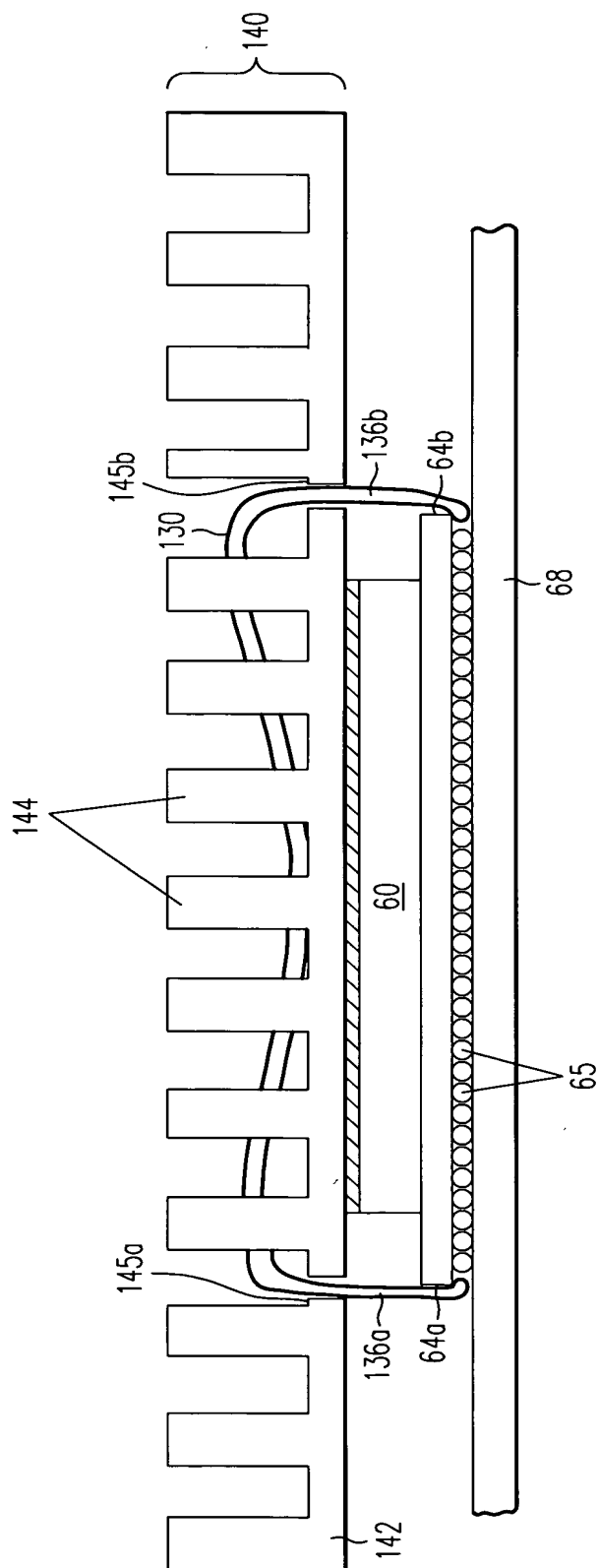


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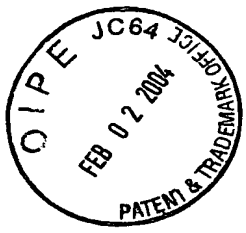


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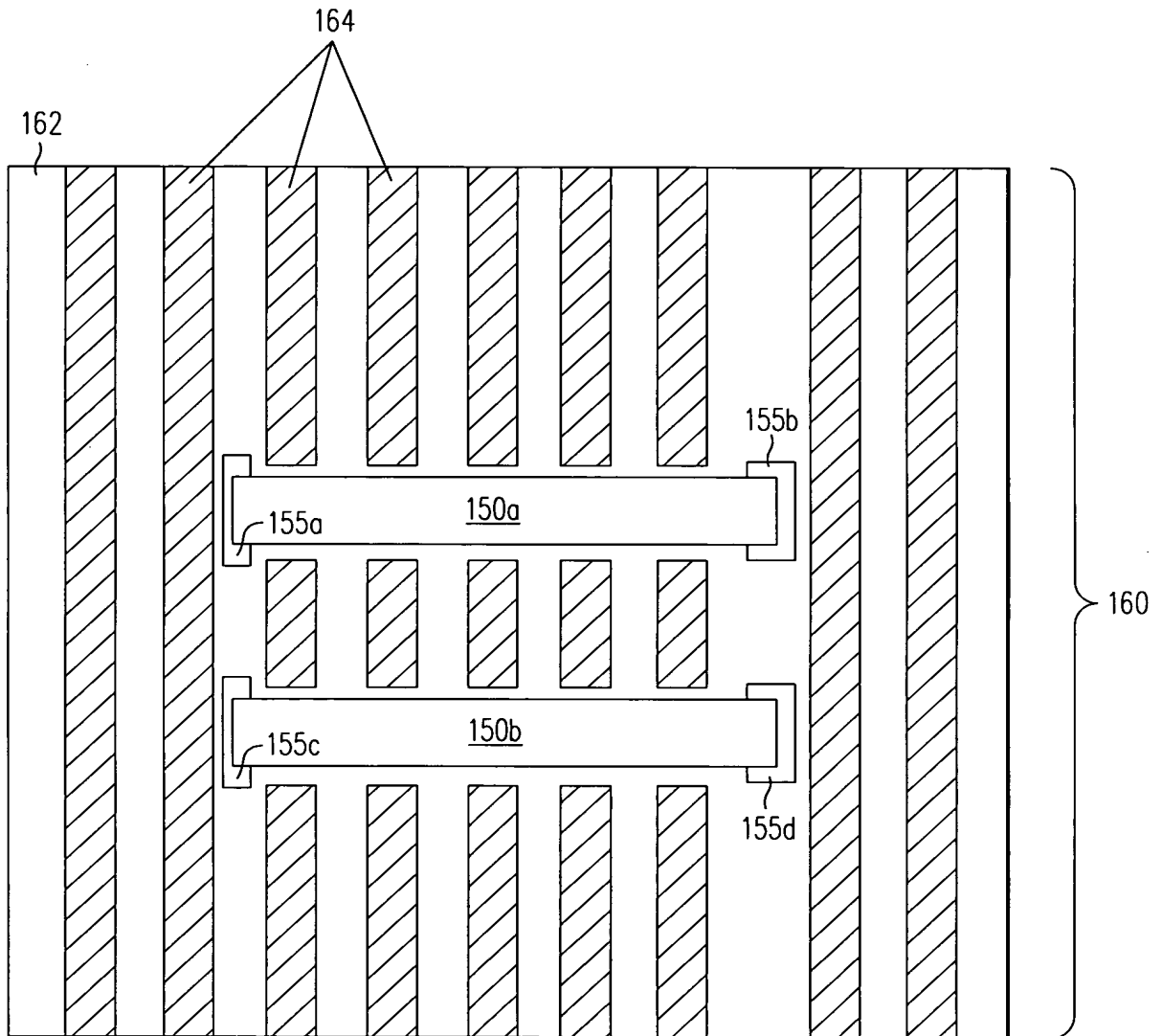


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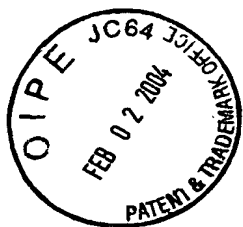


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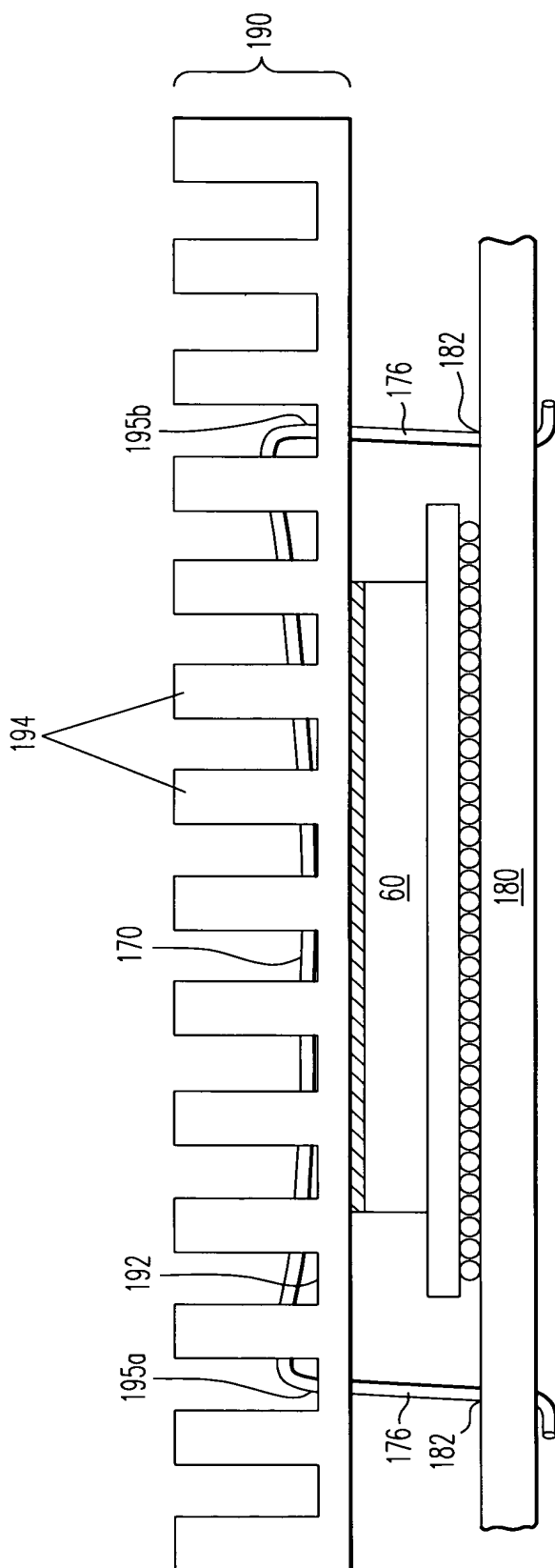


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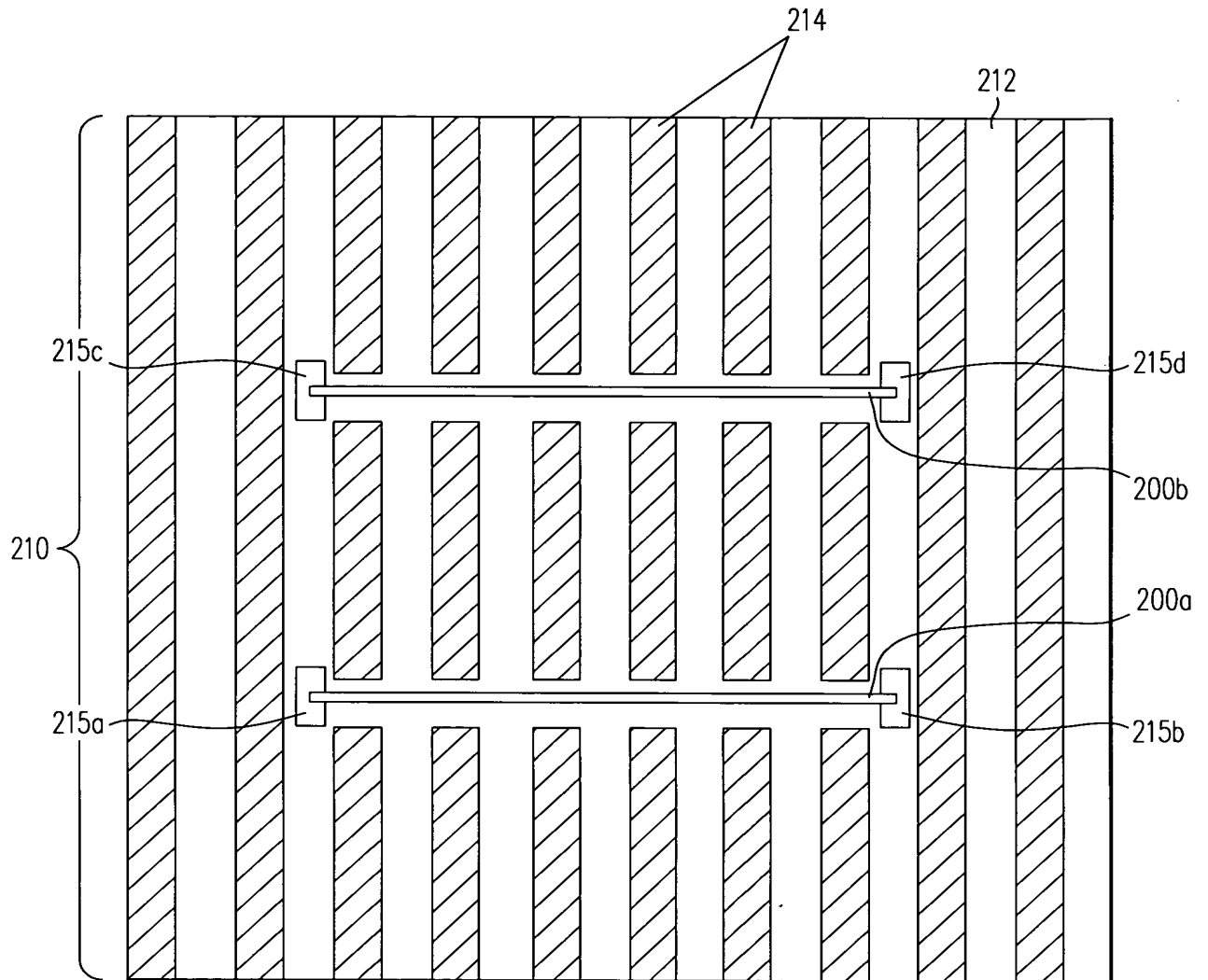
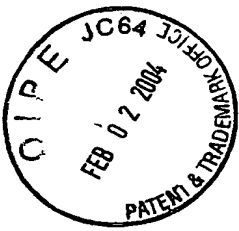


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**FIG. 11**



**FIG. 12**



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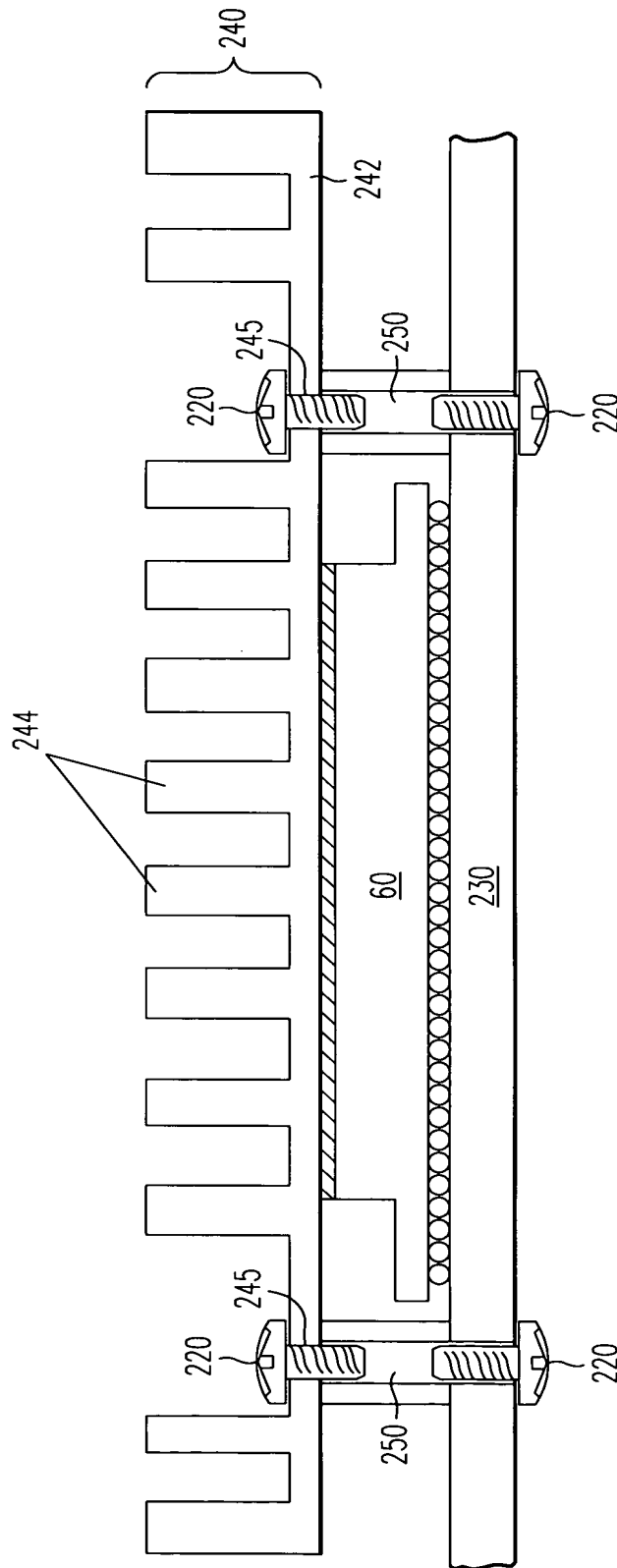
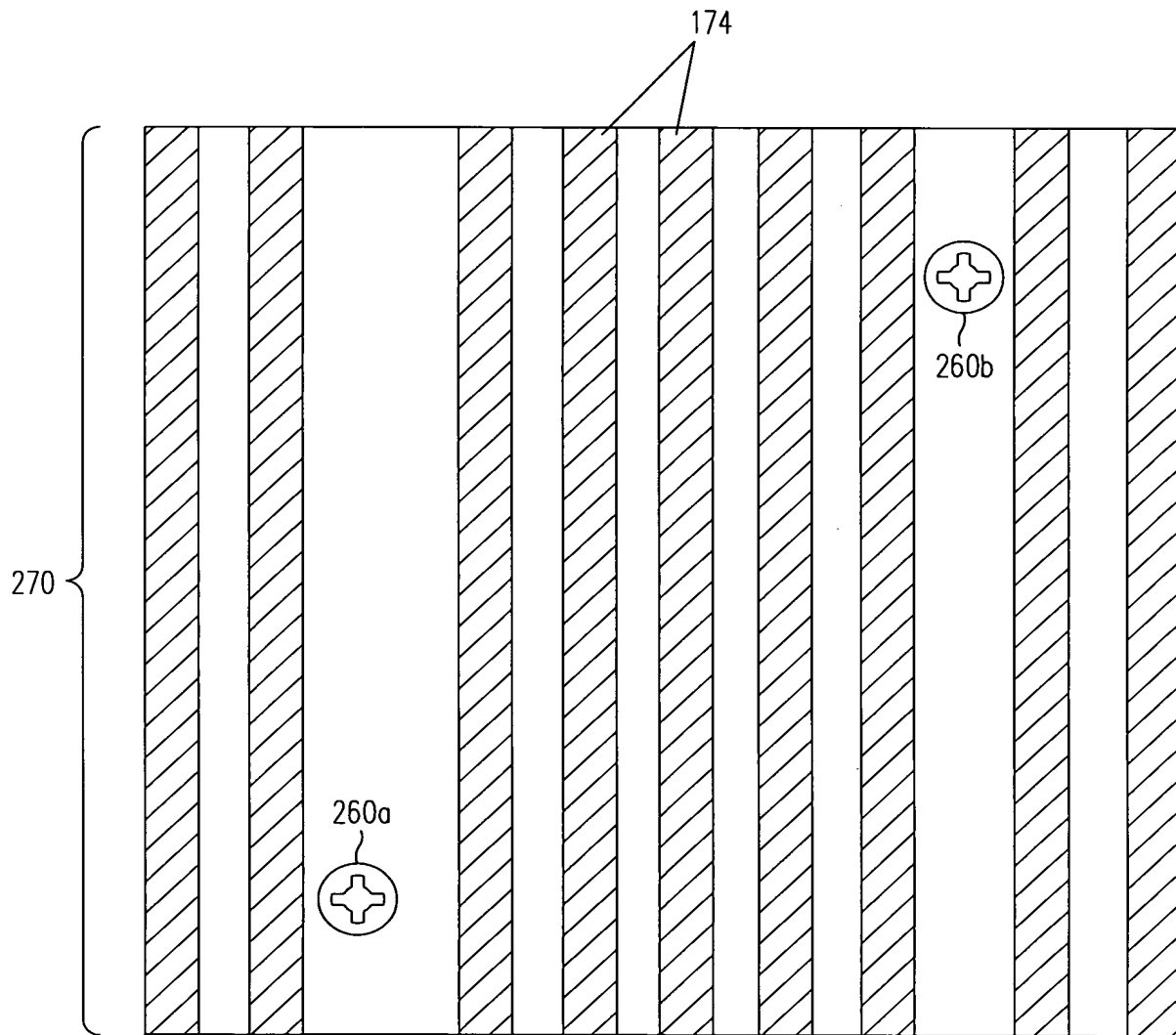


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*FIG. 14*